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1. On 1 August 1952, the Bauunion in Prenzlau was redesignated Bauunion Nordost. It is charged with all construction projects for the Volkspolizei in the Pinnow-Prenzlau-Torgelow-Baltic Sea area. The pertinent orders of the East German Government are registered under No B II/3190. A first allocation of 90 million eastmarks including 3 million eastmarks furnished by the SCC in Karlshorst has been made available for these projects.
2. The state order includes the following construction work:
First construction stage. VP quarters in Prenzlau east of the previous airfield quarters. The completion date for this project has been fixed on 31 October 1952.
Second construction stage. Establishment of large installations, allegedly factories, in the woods around Torgelow. It is alleged that the buildings to be constructed there will extend as far as the Baltic Sea shore. A 5 x 8 km area near Torgelow had already been cleared.
3. Prior to 15 August, the Schwerin, Rostock and Neubrandenburg Bezirke (districts) were each ordered to make available 1,000 bricklayers to work on the state ordered projects. The Bauunion Nordost, in cooperation with the Prenzlau labor office, is recruiting workers in the area east of a line extending from Stralsund to Granienburg, while the Bauunion Nord on Ruegen Island is recruiting workers west of this line. The Bauunion Nord has been contracted for similar construction projects on Ruegen Island. All East German Bauunion firms have been ordered to provide construction engineers and construction workers and construction machinery for the state ordered projects.
4. During the period from 28 July to 2 August, the Torgelow construction project was inspected by General V. I. Chuikov and Ministers Walther Ulbricht and Heinrich Rau and, during the week from 3 to 9 August, by Minister President Otto Grotewohl. *

* Comment. The military buildings which are to be constructed in the Pinnow-Prenzlau-Torgelow (Eggesin) area are probably designed to quarter the I VP Corps. According to VP deserters, the Volkspolizei Dienststellen (VPDs) in Prenzlau, Eggesin, Fuenfeichen near Neubrandenburg and possibly also those in Prora and Pinnow are assigned to this corps. These VPDs have had priority in being assigned personnel and delivery of arms for the same weeks.

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